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Dear Congressman Livingston:

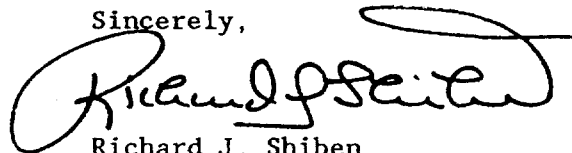
This is in reply to your letters of February 10-17, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of several of your constituents regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Your constituents are specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of any proposal contained in the Notice.

We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take your constituents' concerns into account when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest in this proceeding. Your constituents' letters will be included in the record of the proceeding. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994.

Sincerely,



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Chief, Land Mobile & Microwave Division  
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Mr. Terry Haines  
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Dear Mr. Haines:

Enclosed please find communication I have recently received from one of my constituents for your consideration. I would greatly appreciate your complying with their request, if possible.

I would appreciate your advising me of your action in this matter and returning the letters to me with your reply to my Washington Office.

Sincerely,

ROBERT L. LIVINGSTON  
Member of Congress

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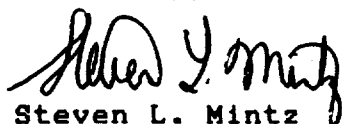
This letter is being written to all of the Louisiana House and Senate representatives as I am very concerned about the proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding, PR Docket 92-235, if adopted will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model aircraft.

As the proud owner of some twenty-seven model helicopters and ten aircraft, with all of the necessary electronics and support equipment, my investment in both time and money is considerable. Just a few years ago we were forced to change over to new frequencies to accommodate a safer environment and were assured that this would be a permanent change. While costly, it does not even remotely approach the disastrous effect that this latest move would cause. This would virtually eliminate the use of radio control for the guidance of miniature aircraft.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72 - 76 MHz band which is primarily for private mobile dispatch operations. These are far enough apart that we are able to share the band without either use interfering with the other. Unfortunately, the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control ones and cause interference to our operations. If these rules are adopted, out of the 50 frequencies now available, only 19 will remain remote control use.

Please do whatever possible to allow us the use of the frequencies that we currently have so that we may continue to enjoy our great sport and hobby.

Sincerely,

  
Steven L. Mintz

**BEN B. MATHEWS  
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February 4, 1993

The Honorable Bob Livingston  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: PR Docket 92-235

Dear Congressman Livingston:

I am writing you to ask you to reject the above referenced proposed rule. It is my understanding that the F.C.C. has proposed changes to the frequency assignments for radio controlled models. This action would hurt many people, myself included.

For over thirty years I have been enjoying the hobby of flying model airplanes. The hobby has meant very much to me. I am a Realtor by profession and I am very active in politics and my community. I am also a leader member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics that is a modeling organization of some 300,000 people much like me. Modeling is my main form of relaxation. It is especially important to me as I am confined to a wheel chair that limits many forms of outdoor recreation for me. I travel all over the country competing with the aircraft that I build.

I am vice president of a local radio control modeling organization that puts on national events and promotes model aviation to the community. We recently held a modeling clinic for the children at the Muscular Dystrophy summer camp and we are now working with a local Boy Scout troop.

If I were alone it wouldn't be worth writing, but my thoughts are shared by hundreds of thousands of citizens who are also interested in radio control modeling.

The proposal is to add commercial frequencies between the modeling frequencies thereby narrowing the band width allotted to modeling. This would be dangerous as it would cause interference and probably result in the crashing of models that travel at speeds of 60 to 150 miles per hour.

The manufacturers have told us that they have nothing available that would operate within these parameters and if they did the radios would be much too expensive for an average modeler to afford.

As you can imagine this action would virtually kill our hobby.  
Please help us by rejecting this rule proposal.

Thank you very much!

Sincerely!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ben Mathews". The signature is fluid and somewhat stylized, with the first and last names being more prominent than the middle name.

Ben Mathews